

Project Stress Index: -14.9%

Weekly Report: May 30, 2023



Project stress levels for the 30-day period ending May 27, 2023, finished down 14.9% from its year-ago level and down 7.7% from a week ago. Multiple factors played into the week's sharp year-on-year drop. Of greatest importance was a sizable decline in the present level of abandoned projects, pulling down the week's total composite reading. Additionally, PSI results between mid-May and late June 2022 were unusually volatile. Data for the same week a year ago experienced a surge in the level of abandoned and on hold projects, this further depressed the latest YOY percentage change results.

Project Stress Index: US Civil and Building Projects

Weekly level of civil and building construction projects that are delayed, on hold, and abandoned



Source: ConstructConnect, data through May 27, 2023

SUBCOMPONENT INDEXES OF THE PSI

	Year Ago	Week Ago	Latest	% Changes Latest Versus	
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Bid Date Delayed	132.8	112.1	113.0	-14.9%	0.8%
On Hold	121.3	127.3	123.4	1.8%	-3.0%
Abandoned	146.4	132.9	107.4	-26.6%	-19.2%
TOTAL	133.5	124.1	114.6	-14.1%	-7.7%

Projects with Delayed Bid Dates: The level of delayed bid projects—the most common but also lowest form of measured project stress—moved higher by less than 1% over the week and remains nearly 15% below its year-ago level. Delayed projects experienced a step change downward between March and the end of May, which has helped push recent composite readings lower.

Projects On Hold: The latest level of projects on hold further extended the series' rising trend, first initiated in March. No other measure provided greater support for the week's composite reading.

Projects Abandoned: The level of abandoned projects fell sharply in the latest week, bringing the series' indexed reading to its lowest level since early February. In previous years, abandoned projects have slowly but methodically increased through the third quarter of each calendar year. The first half of 2023 has seen this historical pattern breakdown.